such, a large number of cases of theft of electricity have been detected, during the raids conducted by officials of DESU in various localities.

(c) and (d) DESU has set up two full fledged Enforcement Divisions for checking theft of electricity in the Capital which are considered effective. The Government has already made 'theft of electricity' a cognizable offence under the Indian Electricity Act, 1910.

Flying of Air Bus with burst tyres

983. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether several VIPs had a providential escape when the pilot managed to land the airbus A-320 aircraft with two burst tyres on 13th July, 1991 at Banaglore airport;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said defect was noticed at the Delhi Airport 20 minutes after the take off;

(c) whether the plane was thoroughly checked before take off at Delhi airport; and

(d) if so, the reasons for which the plane with burst tyres was allowed to take off and what action is contemplated by Government against the erring officers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) A statement is attached.

Statement

(a) No, Sir. There was no incident of tyre burst on flight IC-803 *from* Delhi to Bangalore on 13.7.91. However, the tyre capping of No. 4 main wheel got detached during take off *from Delhi*. The landing at Bangalore was normal.

(b) Air Traffic Control, Delhi reported presence of tyre capping pieces on the runway after flight IC-803 of 13 July 1991 had departed for Bangalore. This was intimated to the Captain through Nagpur ATC.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There was no case of burst tyres. The take off at Delhi was normal.

Completion of Tehri Hydro Power Project

984. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tehri Hydro Power Project would be completed in time notwithstanding the escalation of cost due to devaluation of rupee;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether all the oustee family from the dam site have been duly rehabilitated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Tehri Hydro Power Project is envisaged to be completed by March, 1997 at a cost of Rs. 3804 crores at March, 1991 price level.

(c) First phase rehabilitation involves resettlement of 2313 rural families and shifting of population of old Tehri Town. Against this, 2137 rural families have already been rehabilitated.

Expansion of Tirupati and Vijayawada Airports

985. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATON AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tirupati and Vijayawada airports are being expanded to provide for night

landing facilities and enable landing of boeing aircraft at these airports; airports;

(b) if so, what is the stage of their implementation; and

(c) what is the target date to complete the expansion work?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The National Airports Authority (NAA) has drawn up plans for the upgradation of the Tirupati and Vijayawada airports for Boeing-737 operations. But due to paucity of resources with the National Airports Authority, it has not been found possible to take up these projects so far.

Andhra Pradesh Government proposal for tourism development

986. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATON AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals for tourism development from Government of Andhra Pradesh are pending with the Central Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the stage of consideration of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) For the year 1991-92, three schemes for tourist accommodation are under consideration with the Central Government. The State Government has been requested to furnish environmental clearances for these schemes.

Drilling operations in Krishna and Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh

987. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has started drilling operations in Guntur and Krishna Districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, with what effect; and

(c) what steps are being taken to exploit the oil and gas reserves in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. Hydrocarbons have been discovered in five prospects in Krishna District. Two wells have been put on production.

Proposals for setting up Gas Based Power Stations in Maharashtra

988. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in accordance with the annual power survey done recently by the Central Electricity Authority a shortage of 1100 MW has been estimated by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government of Maharashtra has submitted proposals to the Central Government for setting up of gas based power stations in the State;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what are the places identified for setting up of these power stations and by when approval to the proposals is likely to be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir. The Fourteenth Electric Power Survey Report submitted to the Government of India during March, 1991 which is the latest survey, does not indicate the details of surplus/deficit for the Seventh plan end.